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- TJIONG Pek Som* purchased all available stocks of rice produced in Krawang and Bekasi during April and May 1949. He now has this rice stored in his godowns in Batavia.
- On 25 May TJIONG consulted with J.E. van Hoogstraten, of the Department of Economic Affairs, and on 7 June the rural police, on instructions from the civil authorities began to prohibit the transport of paddy and rice from Krawang to Batavia.
- The results of this restriction will be:
 - The areas without enough rice, such as Bogor and Meester Cornelis, will be unable to mill rice.
 - The rice monophly organization of TJIONG Pek Som will alone be able to purchase and mill rice.
 - The price of rice in Batavia and other nearby areas will rise and TJIONG will be able to sell his stockpile at a large profit.
- In 1945 TJIONG took over all of the rice for distribution in areas controlled by the Allied Forces and continued to control rice distribution through 1947. In 1948 he made five million guilders, *half of which went to van Hoogstraten.

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Comment. December 1948, referred to TJIONG as the rice king of Indonesia. It reported that he was a partner of H.H. Crevels in the Sin Tjoen Company. Crevels was reported to be Director of Food Supplies.

Comment. Presumably this sum was also made in rice operations.

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